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News Briefs

Monthly ceremony

Twelfth Air Force's monthly awards and promotion ceremony is **2 p.m. April 30 in the Battlestaff Conference Room, Bldg. 12.**

Honorees need to be in place by 1:30 p.m.

For more information, call 12 AF/PA at 8-6053.

Awards luncheon

The Quarterly Awards Luncheon is 11:30 a.m. April 15 at the officers club. Cost is \$9 for members or \$11 for non members.

Deadline to sign up is 4 p.m. Monday April 12. For more information, contact CMSgt. Boeder at 8-4937, SMSgt. Madigan at 8-6033, SMSgt. Clark at 8-4665 or MSgt. Webster at 8-5391.

Web-only services

In an effort to be more customer friendly, six different personnel services are now available only on the Web, including any of the following:

- Update the Record of Emergency Data.
- Apply for a change to an assignment or change a report-not-later-than date.
- Apply for certain curtailments of date eligible for return from overseas.
- Accomplish a humanitarian or exceptional family member program application.
- Request a "proof of service" letter, often needed for home loans.
- Make simple updates to common information like home address, home telephone number, religious preference, race, ethnic group, foreign language self-assessment, duty and personal e-mail addresses.

Airmen can access the vMPF through the Air Force Portal, at www.my.af.mil, by clicking on the "careers" tab. For more information, call the Air Force Contact Center at (800) 616-3775.



TSgt. Roy Utley

STEP n up

During a recent visit to the 612th Air Base Squadron, Soto Cano Air Base, Honduras, Lt. Gen. Randall Schmidt, 12th Air Force Commander (left), and MSgt. Gene Folsom, 612 ABS Logistics Flight Superintendent, tack new technical sergeant stripes on Brian Jackson, 612 ABS Logistics Flight Transient Alert, who was promoted under the Stripes for Exceptional Performers program. The STEP promotion was effective March 26.

Airman with a Capital A

I am an Airman.

Note that's with a capital "A." It's just one letter at the beginning of the word, but it signifies a great deal. The reason it is capitalized is simple: Airmen in the United States Air Force are the heart and soul of our unique fighting force, and should be identified by a proper noun.

As young children, when we began to read, we learned a capital letter at the front of a word signified something special or important — like our own name, our hometown, and our country. And this was reinforced through our education and professional life. When we see a capital letter, our minds automatically emphasize that word, and we bestow an increased importance on that person, place, or thing. It is time to formally add our profession to that list of important and special nouns.

You may have seen or heard some-

thing about my guidance to capitalize the word "Airman." It is appropriate to do so, in recognition of our rich history, and to emphasize our unparalleled role in the defense of America.

Our Air Force is the finest air and space force in the world because of the generations of professional Airmen that have devoted their lives to dominating the skies. Capitalizing the word "Airman" recognizes their historic achievements and signifies our unique contributions to fighting and winning America's wars. It shows we've earned the respect a proper name imparts.



For 38 years of my life, I've been proud to wear the uniform of the United States Air Force. And, whether you've worn it as long as I have or just recently joined our team, I know we all feel the same sense of pride. Regardless of the uniform we wear, the specialty we hold, the badge over

our pocket, and whether we are active duty, guard, reserve, or civilian, first and foremost, we are Airmen.

We are one Air Force and we are Airmen.

General John P. Jumper
Air Force chief of staff



TSgt. Roy Utley

Dining In combat style



(Above left) CMSgt. Rodney Ellison, Command Chief Master Sergeant for Air Combat Command, speaks to participants of the 612th Air Base Squadron's Combat Dining In March 18 at Soto Cano Air Base, Honduras.

(Above right) SrA Andrew Hays, Operations Flight, salutes the lone table honoring the POW as part of the Dining In ceremony.

(Left) MSgt. Keith Jimmo, Deputy Fire Chief, and MSgt. Gene Folsom, Logistics Flight Superintendent escort 1st Lt. Dyann Schilling to jail for violating a rule of the mess. MSgt. Folsom is wearing a test utility uniform brought down by CMSgt. Ellison for the event.



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SALUTE!

Congratulations to 12th AF warriors who recently were – or soon will be – promoted to the rank indicated and those who were recently awarded medals recognizing their accomplishments.

Promotees

Senior Airman

Christopher Borgard
Justin Brock
Lisa Randall



Senior Airman Below the Zone

Anthony Combs
Bradley Peterson

Staff Sgt

Manuel Fernandez

Master Sgt

James Boles



First Lieutenant

Joshua Stanton



Major

Timothy McWilliams
Brett Wilmore

Quarterly awards

Airman

A1C Karl Musick, 612 ACOMS

NCO

TSgt. Glen Sivells, 612 ACOMS

SNCO

MSgt. Vickie Kraemer, 612 ACOMS

Company Grade Officer

Capt. Michael Engel, 12 AF

Junior Civilian Employee

Kimberly Lomax, 612 TOG

Senior Civilian Employee

Thomas Reeder, 612 AIG

Award Recipients

ACC Outstanding Personnel Manager of the Year Category IV-A,

MSgt. Wendy Brazier

ACC Outstanding Personnel Manager of the Year Category II-C

MSgt. Shelonie Johnson

Medal Recipients

Meritorious Service Medal

CMSgt. Dennis Desilet, 612 ABS

Congratulations Senior-selects



SMSgt. (s) Tereca Dye, 612th Air Support Squadron, SMSgt. (s) Bobby Sperling, 612th Air Support Squadron, SMSgt. (s) Keith Lear, 12th Air Force Safety, SMSgt. (s) Kirk Bailey, 25th Operational Weather Squadron, SMSgt. (s) Mark Hesterman, 612th Air Intelligence Squadron, SMSgt. (s) Keith Jimmo, 612th Air Base Squadron, and SMSgt. (s) David Ewing, 612th Air Base Squadron.

Top of the 12th

TSgt. Joel Tully is the NCOIC 12th Air Force Personnel Plans.



TSgt. Tully

"TSgt. Tully exemplifies the 'Service before Self' concept," said Maj. Joseph Porrazzo, Chief, 12th Air Force Senior Officer Management. "We gave him less than 24-hours notice to deploy to a bare-bones operation in Haiti. He deployed without a peep and did a superb job!"

Years of service: 20

Hometown: Buffalo, N.Y.

Primary Duties and Responsibilities: Provide personnel plans support for air component operations in the execution of JCS and USSOUTHAF wartime and contingency missions.

Favorite aspects of D-M: The location, you can do outdoor activities nearly all year long.

If you could change one thing to improve D-M, what would it be? Nothing, I think there are enough positive changes going on here at DM.

What motivates your winning attitude? The great "bold and spicy" bosses who I work for, and the great people I work with in A1.